GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:482
ANSWERED ON:28.04.2000
POOR RECEPTION OF DOORDARSHAN AT JAMMU AND KASHMIR
MADAN LAL KHURANA

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints that Pakistan T.V. telecast in Jammu and Kashmir is more clear than Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; (

(c) whether taking advantage of it, Pakistan T.V. indulges in more and more vicious campaign day by day; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to make Doordarshan telecast more clear in Jammu and Kashmir ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF TH DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT

(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 482 ANSWER ON 28.04.2000

(a) & (b): Complaints about Pakistan TV signals being stronger than Doordarshansignals in certain parts of Jammu and Kashmir have been received from time to time from the public representatives.

(c): Despite India`s manifest desire for peace and friendship with Pakistan to develop acomprehensive structure of cooperation for the benefit of the two people, Pakistan has continued with its aggressive approach and hostile policies towards India. Regardless of the quality of the signals, Pakistan TV continues to indulge in anti-India propaganda.

(d): It has been the constant endeavour of the Government to strengthen thetransmission networks of Doordarshan in the state of Jammu and Kashmir, specially all along the border to enhance quality of coverage. For expansion of Doordarshan and All India Radio coverage in Jammu and Kashmir, a Special Plan involving an outlay ofRs.430.07 crores is under implementation. It is expected that once the projects under this Special Plan are completed, Doordarshan programmes will be available to about95% of the population of Jammu and Kashmir.